

WEDNESDAY BOOKS

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A Fragile Enchantment

Allison Saft

In this romantic fantasy of manners, a magical dressmaker commissioned for a royal wedding finds herself embroiled in scandal when a gossip columnist draws attention to her undeniable chemistry with the groom.

Summary

Niamh Ó Conchobhair has never let herself long for more. The magic in her blood that lets her stitch emotions and memories into fabric is the same magic that will eventually kill her. Determined to spend the little time she has left guaranteeing a better life for her family, Niamh jumps at the chance to design the wardrobe for a royal wedding in the neighboring kingdom of Avaland.

But Avaland is far from the fairytale that she imagined. While young nobles attend candlelit balls and elegant garden parties, unrest brews amid the working class. The groom himself, Kit Carmine, is prickly, abrasive, and begrudgingly being dragged to the altar as a political pawn. But when Niamh and Kit grow closer, an unlikely friendship blossoms into something more—until an anonymous gossip columnist starts buzzing about their chemistry, promising to leave them alone only if Niamh helps to uncover the royal family's secrets. The rot at the heart of Avaland runs deep, but exposing it could risk a future she never let herself dream of, and a love she never thought possible.

Transporting readers to a Regency England-inspired fantasy world, A Fragile Enchantment is a sweeping romance threaded with intrigue, unforgettable characters, and a love story for the ages.

Contributor Bio

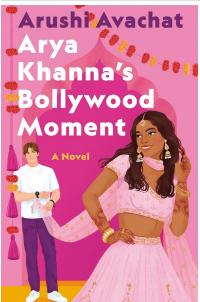
Allison Saft is the *New York Times* and indie bestselling author of *A Far Wilder Magic* and *Down Comes the Night*. After receiving her MA in English Literature from Tulane University, she moved from the Gulf Coast to the West Coast, where she spends her time rolling on eight wheels and practicing aerial silks.

Quotes

"Fantasy of manners at its very height...brims with longing." —**Chloe Gong, #1** New York Times bestselling author of These Violent Delights

"Weaves together the romance and passion of a Regency romance with the magic, whimsy, and heart of a Ghibli film. I was left utterly enchanted." –**Axie Oh**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea*

"Achingly romantic and full of heart...Like Niamh's enchanted gowns, Saft's story is woven with a kind of magic that keeps you in the palm of her hands from the first page to the very last." -**Courtney Gould, author of** *Where Echoes Die*



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Arya Khanna's Bollywood Moment

Arushi Avachat

A YA romance where a teen girl navigates her older sister's wedding, family and friend conflict, and a rivalry with the attractive student body president.

Summary

Shaadi preparations are in full swing, which means lehenga shopping, taste testing, dance rehearsals, and best of all, Arya's sister Alina is home. The Khannas are together again, finally, and Arya wants to enjoy it. So she stifles her lingering resentment towards Alina, plays mediator during her sister's fights with their mother, and welcomes her future brother-in-law with open arms. (Okay, maybe *enjoy* isn't exactly right.)

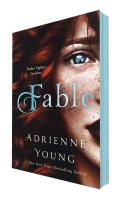
Meanwhile at school, Arya's senior year dreams are unraveling. In between class and her part-time gig as a bookshop assistant, Arya struggles to navigate the aftermath of a bad breakup between her two best friends and a tense student council partnership with her rival, the frustratingly attractive Dean Merriweather.

Arya is determined to keep the peace at home and at school, but this shaadi season teaches Arya new realities: Alina won't always be in the bedroom down the hall, Mamma's sadness isn't mendable, friendships must evolve, and life doesn't always work out like her beloved Bollywood movies. But sometimes, the person you least expect will give you a glimpse of your dream sequence just when you need it most.

Structured like a Bollywood film (entertaining intermission included!) *Arya Khanna's Bollywood Moment* will make you swoon, laugh, cry, think, nod your head in agreement, and quite possibly make you get up and dance.

Contributor Bio

ARUSHI AVACHAT is a writer from the Bay Area, California. She currently studies English and Political Science at UCLA, where she can be found sipping caramel lattes and pretending to be productive at Kerckhoff Coffee House. She is a contributor to the Young Adult anthology *Study Break*. Arushi loves dark chocolate, Bollywood dramas, and Jane Austen novels.



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Fable

A Novel

Adrienne Young

Filled with all of the action, emotion, and lyrical writing of *Sky in the Deep*, *New York Times* bestselling author Adrienne Young returns with a new captivating story, now in trade paper!

Summary

Welcome to a world made dangerous by the sea and by those who wish to profit from it. Where a young girl must find her place and her family while trying to survive in a world built for men.

As the daughter of the most powerful trader in the Narrows, the sea is the only home seventeen-year-old Fable has ever known. It's been four years since the night she watched her mother drown during an unforgiving storm. The next day her father abandoned her on a legendary island filled with thieves and little food. To survive she must keep to herself, learn to trust no one and rely on the unique skills her mother taught her. The only thing that keeps her going is the goal of getting off the island, finding her father and demanding her rightful place beside him and his crew. To do so Fable enlists the help of a young trader named West to get her off the island and across the Narrows to her father.

But her father's rivalries and the dangers of his trading enterprise have only multiplied since she last saw him and Fable soon finds that West isn't who he seems. Together, they will have to survive more than the treacherous storms that haunt the Narrows if they're going to stay alive.

Contributor Bio

ADRIENNE YOUNG is a foodie with a deep love of history and travel and a shameless addiction to coffee. When she's not writing, you can find her on her yoga mat, sipping wine over long dinners or disappearing into her favorite art museums. She lives with her documentary filmmaker husband and their four little wildlings in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. She is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling Sky in the Deep duology and the Fable duology.

Quotes

"Young blends adventure and intrigue in this lush nautical duology opener, crafting a flinty world in which danger lurks at every turn." - **Publishers Weekly**

"An exciting tale of lost treasure, love, and survival." - School Library Journal

"A dark maritime fantasy...immersive...and rich in sensory details. For readers who can't get enough of strong female protagonists..." - *Kirkus*



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The Getaway List

A Novel

Emma Lord

The Summer I Turned Pretty meets People We Meet on Vacation in this sparkling and timeless romance from New York Times bestselling author Emma Lord.

Summary

The day of her high school graduation, Riley realizes two things: One, that she has spent the last four years trying so hard to be a Good Kid for her mom that she has no idea who she really is anymore, and two, she has no idea what she wants because of it. The solution? Pack her bags and move to New York for the summer, where her childhood best friend Tom and co-creator of The Getaway List — a list of all the adventures they've wanted to do together since he moved away — will hopefully help her get in touch with her old adventurous self, and pave the road to a new future.

Riley isn't sure what to expect from Tom, who has been distant since his famous mom's scriptwriting career pulled him away. But when Riley arrives in the city, their reconnection is as effortless as it was when they were young?except with one, unexpected complication that will pull Riley's feelings in a direction she didn't know they could take. As she, Tom, and their newfound friends work their way through the delightfully chaotic items on The Getaway List, Riley learns that sometimes the biggest adventure is not one you take, but one you feel in your heart.

Inescapably romantic and brimming with Emma Lord's signature cheer, *The Getaway List* is an uplifting and romantic read that will settle into your heart and never leave.

Contributor Bio

EMMA LORD is a digital media editor and writer living in New York City, where she spends whatever time she isn't writing either running or belting show tunes in community theater. She graduated from the University of Virginia with a major in psychology and a minor in how to tilt your computer screen so nobody will notice you updating your fan fiction from the back row. She was raised on glitter, a whole lot of love, and copious amounts of grilled cheese. She is the author of *Tweet Cute, You Have a Match, When You Get the Chance,* and *Begin Again.*

Quotes

"If you haven't read a novel by Emma Lord before, you've been missing out on something spectacular." - *Paste*

Praise for Begin Again:

"A gratifying romance." - Publishers Weekly

"This grumpy-sunshine rom-com features a grouch with a secret heart of gold, an eternal optimist with plenty of depth beneath the surface, a healthy dose of banter, and a generous helping of Lord's laugh-out-loud wit." - *School Library Journal*



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Begin Again

A Novel

Emma Lord

A laugh-out-loud funny and emotionally resonant send-up of *Legally Blonde* and *The Ex Talk*, *Begin Again* is a vibrant, romantic novel about the journey we take to find our people, and ourselves.

Summary

As usual, Andie Rose has a plan: Transfer from community college to the hyper competitive Blue Ridge State, major in psychology, and maintain her lifelong goal of becoming an iconic self-help figure despite the nerves that have recently thrown her for a loop. All it will take is ruthless organization, hard work, and her trademark unrelenting enthusiasm to pull it all together.

But the moment Andie arrives, the rest of her plans go off the rails. Her rocky relationship with her boyfriend Connor only gets more complicated when she discovers he transferred out of Blue Ridge to her community college. Her roommate Shay needs a major, and despite Andie's impressive track record of being The Fixer, she's stumped on how to help. And Milo, her coffee-guzzling grump of an R.A. with seafoam green eyes, is somehow disrupting all her ideas about love and relationships one sleep-deprived wisecrack at a time.

But sometimes, when all your plans are in rubble at your feet, you find out what you're made of. And when Andie starts to find the power of her voice as the anonymous Squire on the school's legendary pirate radio station-the same one her mom founded, years before she passed away-Andie learns that not all the best laid plans are necessarily the right ones.

Filled with a friend group that feels like family, an empowering journey of finding your own way, and a Just Kiss Already! romance, *Begin Again* is an unforgettable novel of love and starting again.

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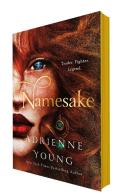
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Namesake

A Novel

Adrienne Young Filled with action, emotion, and lyrical writing, *New York Times* bestselling author Adrienne Young returns with NAMESAKE, now in trade paperback.

Summary

Trader. Fighter. Survivor.

Welcome to a world made dangerous by the sea and by those who wish to profit from it. Where a young girl must find her place and her family while trying to survive in a world built for men.

With the Marigold ship free of her father, Fable and its crew were set to start over. That freedom is short-lived when she becomes a pawn in a notorious thug's scheme. In order to get to her intended destination she must help him to secure a partnership with Holland, a powerful gem trader who is more than she seems.

As Fable descends deeper into a world of betrayal and deception she learns that her mother was keeping secrets, and those secrets are now putting the people Fable cares about in danger. If Fable is going to save them then she must risk everything, including the boy she loves and the home she has finally found.

Contributor Bio

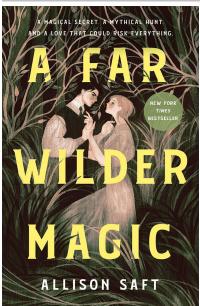
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Quotes

Praise for Fable

"The salty sea and the promise of something hidden in its depths, had me reading this book at a furious pace. You don't simply read *Fable*, you are ensnared by it. This is Adrienne Young's best work of storytelling yet!" —Shea Ernshaw, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Wicked Deep*

"Gripping, immersive, and absolutely masterful, FABLE reels you in with the promise of beauty, and holds you tight with Young's signature grit. I couldn't turn the pages quickly enough." —Adalyn Grace, author of *All The Stars and Teeth*



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A Far Wilder Magic

Allison Saft

A romantic YA fantasy perfect for fans of Erin A. Craig and Margaret Rogerson, about two people who find themselves competing for glory—and each other's hearts—in a magical fox hunt.

Summary

When Margaret Welty spots the legendary hala, the last living mythical creature, she knows the Halfmoon Hunt will soon follow. Whoever is able to kill the hala will earn fame and riches, and unlock an ancient magical secret. While Margaret is the best sharpshooter in town, only teams of two can register, and she needs an alchemist.

Weston Winters isn't an alchemist—yet. He's been fired from every apprenticeship he's landed, and his last chance hinges on Master Welty taking him in. But when Wes arrives at Welty Manor, he finds only Margaret. She begrudgingly allows him to stay, but on one condition: he must join the hunt with her.

Although they make an unlikely team, they soon find themselves drawn to each other. As the hunt looms closer and tensions rise, Margaret and Wes uncover dark magic that could be the key to winning the hunt—if they survive that long.

In *A Far Wilder Magic*, Allison Saft has written an achingly tender love story set against a deadly hunt in an atmospheric, rich fantasy world that will sweep you away.

Contributor Bio

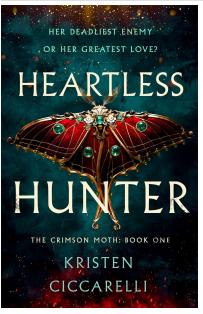
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Quotes

"Deeply entrancing. Teeming with magic and alchemy, *A Far Wilder Magic* is an utterly transportive read, unfolding into a world of crumbling manors and ancient forests." **—Chloe Gong, New York Times bestselling author of These Violent Delights**

"Saft skillfully engineers an odd pair that are forced to work together. This standalone will definitely hook readers who like a little enemies-to-friends in their romances." -Booklist

"This atmospheric, emotionally driven story focuses on the slow-burn romance between two outcasts who yearn to belong...Deeply romantic and utterly magical." –*Kirkus Reviews*



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Heartless Hunter

The Crimson Moth: Book 1 Kristen Ciccarelli

A dangerously romantic *Scarlet Pimpernel*-inspired fantasy with post-revolution witches from acclaimed author Kristen Ciccarelli.

Summary

On the night Rune's life changed forever, blood ran in the streets. Now, in the aftermath of a devastating revolution, witches have been diminished from powerful rulers to outcasts ruthlessly hunted due to their waning magic, and Rune must hide what she is.

Spending her days pretending to be nothing more than a vapid young socialite, Rune spends her nights as the Crimson Moth, a witch vigilante who rescues her kind from being purged. When a rescue goes wrong, she decides to throw the witch hunters off her scent and gain the intel she desperately needs by courting the handsome Gideon Sharpe - a notorious and unforgiving witch hunter loyal to the revolution - who she can't help but find herself falling for.

Gideon loathes the decadence and superficiality Rune represents, but when he learns the Crimson Moth has been using Rune's merchant ships to smuggle renegade witches out of the republic, he inserts himself into her social circles by pretending to court her right back. He soon realizes that beneath her beauty and shallow façade, is someone fiercely intelligent and tender who feels like his perfect match. Except, what if she's the very villain he's been hunting?

Kristen Ciccarelli's *Heartless Hunter* is the thrilling start to a romantic fantasy duology where the only thing more treacherous than being a witch...is falling in love.

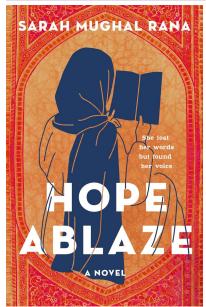
Contributor Bio

KRISTEN CICCARELLI grew up on a grape farm, dropped out of college, and worked various jobs before becoming an author. Some of her previous trades included: baker, potter, L'Arche assistant, and community bread oven coordinator. Today, Kristen resides in the Niagara region of Ontario with her husband and their book-obsessed toddler. She is the author of *Edgewood* and the internationally bestselling Iskari series.

Quotes

"A steamy game of cat and mouse between witch and witch-hunter, played out against a backdrop of opulence, secrets, and bloody history. I couldn't look away." - Kendare Blake, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Champion of Fate*

"Enchanting and deeply romantic, *Heartless Hunter* drew me in with the first sentence and left me breathless by the last. A story that unfolds like a spell, and one that is destined to capture your heart." - Rebecca Ross, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Divine Rivals*



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Hope Ablaze

A Novel

Sarah Mughal Rana

All My Rage meets The Poet X in this electric debut that combines powerful prose and verse to explore a Muslim teen finding her voice in a post-9/11 America.

Summary

Nida has always been known as Mamou Abdul-Hafeedh's niece - the poet that will fill her uncle's shoes after he was wrongfully incarcerated during the war on terror. But for Nida, her poetry letters are her heart and sharing so much of herself with a world that stereotypes her faith and her hijab is not an option.

When Nida is illegally frisked at a Democratic Senatorial candidate's political rally, she writes a scathing poem about the politician, never expecting the letter to go viral weeks before Election Day. Nida discovers her poem has won first place in a national contest, a contest she never entered, and her quiet life is toppled. But worst of all, Nida loses her ability to write poetry. In the aftermath of her win, Nida struggles to balance the expectations of her mother, her uncle, and her vibrant Muslim community with the person she truly wants to be.

Told through alternating prose and verse sections, and with a touch of magic, Sarah Mughal Rana's *Hope Ablaze* is gripping, heartbreaking, often funny, and ultimately uplifting. In her unforgettable exploration of poetry, society, and self, Rana not only celebrates the Islamic faith and Pakistani culture, but simultaneously confronts racism and Islamophobia with unflinching bravery.

Contributor Bio

SARAH MUGHAL RANA is a Muslim author and student from the University of Toronto, now pursuing her MPhil in Asian studies at Oxford. She works at the intersection of human rights and Asian policy. She is a BookTok personality and the co-host of On the Write Track podcast. Outside of school, she falls down history rabbit holes and trains in traditional martial arts.

Quotes

"Fierce, brilliant, and unapologetic, *Hope Ablaze* is a bright-burning star of a novel. Seamlessly and assuredly weaving together prose and poetry, Rana tackles Islamophobia, racism, and generational trauma with authentic nuance and terrific heart. An incredible, unmissable debut." - Vaishnavi Patel, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Kaikeyi*



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This Day Changes Everything

A Novel

Edward Underhill

DASH & LILY meets FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF in this whirlwind rom-com about two queer teens who spend one life-changing day together lost in New York City.

Summary

Abby Akerman believes in the Universe. After all, her Midwest high school marching band is about to perform in the Macy's Parade in New York City—if that's not proof that magical things can happen, what is? New York also happens to be the setting of her favorite romance novel, making it the perfect place for Abby to finally tell her best friend Kat that she's in love with her (and, um, gay). She's carefully annotated a copy of the book for Kat, and she's counting on the Universe to provide an Epic Scene worthy of her own rom-com.

Leo Brewer, on the other hand, just wants to get through this trip without falling apart. He doesn't believe the Universe is magical at all, mostly because he's about to be outed to his very Southern extended family on national TV as the trans boy he really is. He's not excited for the parade, and he's even less excited for an entire day of sightseeing with his band.

But the Universe has other ideas. When fate throws Abby and Leo together on the wrong subway train, they quickly find themselves extremely lost in the middle of Manhattan. So when Leo accidentally causes Abby to lose her Epic Gift for Kat, they come up with a new mission: find a souvenir from every location mentioned in the book for Abby to give Kat instead. But as Leo and Abby traverse the city, from Chinatown to holiday markets to the top of the Empire State Building, their initial expectations for the trip—and of each other—start to shift. And if they let it, this just might be the day that changes everything, for both of them.

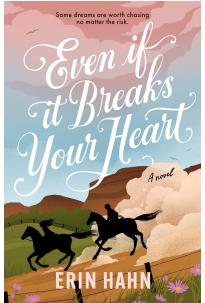
Contributor Bio

EDWARD UNDERHILL (he/him) is a queer trans man who grew up in the suburbs of Wisconsin. He began writing (very bad) stories as a kid and wrote his first (also very bad) novel in his teens. In college, he earned a master's degree in film music composition. After a few years living in tiny apartments in New York, he moved to California, where by day he writes music and by night he writes stories, which aren't as bad as they used to be. When not doing either of these things, he's probably gardening or hanging out with his cat. He is the author of *Always the Almost.*

Quotes

"Captures the magic of New York City, unexpected adventures, and whirlwind romances, showing spectacular things can happen if you trust the universe, and yourself, enough to let them." –Rachael Lippincott, #1 New York Times bestselling author of She Gets the Girl

"Woven throughout Leo and Abby's charming adventures are beautiful notes on identity, destiny, and the thrill of being seen for who you truly are, even as you're still figuring that out." **-Racquel Marie, author of** *Ophelia After All*



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Even If It Breaks Your Heart

A Novel

Erin Hahn

A heart-buckling ride of a romance by beloved author Erin Hahn about two teens finding out that sometimes, the hardest part of discovering what you want is getting the courage to pursue it.

Summary

The only thing keeping nineteen-year-old Case Michaels together after the death of his best friend, Walker, is a list Walker left behind of things he wants Case to accomplish in his absence. So far, though, Case hasn't even been able to continue riding bulls in the rodeo circuit, something he's done his entire life, balking at the thought of competing without Walker by his side. But the list? Case is determined to follow it to the letter– and he follows it all the way to Winnie Sutton.

Eighteen-year-old Winnie Sutton just wants to keep her family together. She graduated high school early to work long shifts at the Michaels family ranch so she can support her younger siblings and a father who's more than happy to let Winnie fill the responsible parent role. If she sometimes sneaks out to ride the horses herself and forget about life for a while- well, that's no one else's business- until the day she crashes headfirst into Case Michaels. Case sees her riding skills and immediately ropes her into competing for the ranch *and* becoming his friend.

Winnie and Case couldn't be more different, but Case can't help but be inspired by Winnie's badly-hidden passion for riding and competition. And there's something about Case that makes Winnie want to try grasping onto a dream for herself, whether that's a shot at a rodeo trophy, the annoyingly handsome rancher's son who won't leave her alone, or maybe both.

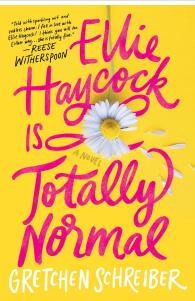
Contributor Bio

ERIN HAHN is the author of the young adult novels *You'd Be Mine, More Than Maybe, Never Saw You Coming,* and *Even If It Breaks Your Heart,* as well as the adult romance *Built to Last.* Romance is her vibe, grunge is her soundtrack and fall is her signature color. She fell for her flannel-clad college sweetheart the very first day of school and has two hilarious kids who keep her humble. She lives outside Ann Arbor, Michigan, and has a cat named Gus who plays fetch and a dog named June who doesn't.

Quotes

"If you're looking for a country romance that's honest, heartfelt, and romantic, [this] is the book for you. Sure to be your next Erin Hahn favorite. "–Rachael Lippincott, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Five Feet Apart*

"Erin Hahn has created a powerful exploration of grit, grief, and resilience through two beautifully drawn characters to root for, and a world that leaps off the page."–Laura Taylor Namey, *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Cuban Girl's Guide To Tea and Tomorrow*



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Ellie Haycock Is Totally Normal

Gretchen Schreiber THE BREAKFAST CLUB meets THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER in this big-hearted novel from debut author, Gretchen Schreiber.

Summary

Ellie Haycock has always separated her life into sections: Ellie at home and Ellie at the hospital. At home, Ellie is a typical student and proud member of her high school's speech and debate team alongside her best friend and her boyfriend. At the hospital, Ellie has an ever-growing team of doctors and a mom who won't stop posting about the details of her life and illness online. It's not hard for Ellie to choose which of the two she prefers.

When Ellie is forced to return to the hospital for an extended stay, she worries about her two lives colliding, and all she wants is to get back home as soon as possible.

But this stay is different. Ellie becomes close with a group of friends including Ryan, a first-timer who's still optimistic about the doctors that Ellie stopped trusting years ago. Despite their differences, she can't seem to keep him out of her head. Ellie's life has never been normal, but maybe between these fast friendships and falling in love, she can find her own version of normal.

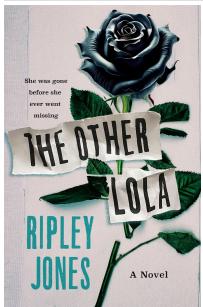
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GRETCHEN SCHREIBER grew up between the hills of Kansas and the hospitals of Minnesota, but now calls the hills of Los Angeles home. After getting her MFA from USC Film School, she works as a professional bookworm for Hello Sunshine, Reese Witherspoon's media company. She is always down to run away to Disneyland or a book store.

Quotes

"Gretchen Schreiber's writing is honest, raw, and funny. She seamlessly weaves a story of hurt and humor with beautiful prose and characters that already feel like old friends...Ellie is the coming-of-age story everyone should read." - Kristin Dwyer, author of *Some Mistakes Were Made*

"Soul-deep and sharply poetic, Schreiber's debut deftly rewrites conventions with poignant detail. With resonant romance and an iconic central character, *Ellie Haycock is Totally Normal* is extraordinary." - Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka, authors of *Always Never Yours*



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The Other Lola

A Novel

Ripley Jones

The sequel to Ripley Jones's unforgettable YA thriller *Missing Clarissa, The Other Lola* is about what happens when the people you love the most are the people you can trust the least

Summary

In the months after Cam and Blair broke their small hometown's legendary missing-girl story and catapulted to accidental fame, they vowed never to do it again. No more mysteries, no more podcasts, and no more sticking their heads where they don't belong.

Until Mattie Brosillard, a freshman at their high school, shows up on their doorstep, begging Cam and Blair for help. Mattie's sister Lola disappeared mysteriously five years ago. No trace of her was ever found. Now, she's back--but Mattie is convinced the girl who returned is an impostor. Nobody believes Mattie's wild story--not Mattie's brother, not Mattie's mother, and not even Cam and Blair. But something is definitely wrong in the Brosillard family. And Blair has her own reasons for wanting to know what really happened to Lola while she was gone.

With Cam and Blair still struggling with the aftermath of their first mystery—and with new secrets swirling between them—the stakes are higher than ever in this can't-miss sequel to *Missing Clarissa*.

Contributor Bio

RIPLEY JONES is a person of interest.

Quotes

Praise for *Missing Clarissa*:

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The Perfect Guy Doesn't Exist

A Novel

Sophie Gonzales

A fanfic writer brings her favorite TV character to life in this friendsto-enemies-to-lovers novel full of humor and heart.

Summary

Ivy Winslow has the house to herself for a week while her parents are away. She's planning to use this newfound freedom to binge-watch her favorite fantasy TV show, H-MAD, and hang out with her best friend, Henry. She'll also have to avoid her *former* best friend-turned enemy (and neighbor), Mack. But things quickly go awry when Ivy wakes up to find Weston, the gorgeous, *very fictional* main character of H-MAD in her bedroom, claiming to be her soul mate.

Ivy realizes that her fanfic writing has somehow brought Weston as she's imagined him to life. But it turns out that the tropes she swoons over in her stories are slightly less romantic in reality, and her not-so-fictional crush is causing some real-world problems. To figure out why Weston is here and what to do with him, Ivy decides to team up with Henry and (against her better judgment) Mack. But with Mack back in her life, Ivy starts to wonder if Weston, her "perfect guy", is the one who's truly perfect for her . . . or if that was someone else all along.

Contributor Bio

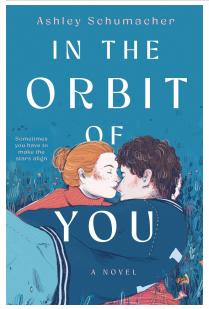
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Quotes

Praise for Sophie Gonzales

"Employing hilariously biting alternating perspectives and a cast populated by strongly characterized female heroines and deliciously despicable reality TV villains, Gonzales expertly taps into contemporary society's Bachelor obsession to deliver a smart rom-com with a twist." - *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"If you enjoyed Netflix's Do Revenge and are craving a bisexual season of The Bachelor, you absolutely must pick up this book." - *Booklist*, starred review



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In the Orbit of You

Ashley Schumacher

In the Orbit of You is a YA story of enduring love from acclaimed author Ashley Schumacher, where a personality test reunites two friends and makes them second guess their careful plans.

Summary

It's been years since Nova Evans last saw Sam. She was too young then to understand why he had to move away—and what it had to do with the cuts and bruises he got from home and never wanted to talk about. All she knew is that they promised to find each other when they were older, something she thought was impossible thanks to her and her mom moving around constantly. Until she bumps into Sam in her new school, and realizes he has clearly forgotten their childhood promise.

Sam Jordan has a plan for his life: accept his college football scholarship, date his girlfriend Abigail, and—most importantly—hide how much he wants to do something, anything other than The Plan[™] his parents and coaches have set before him. It doesn't matter if sometimes he finds himself thinking about the new girl he met in the cafeteria, a girl who reminds him of a past that hurts to remember.

When a school-wide personality test reveals Nova and Sam to be each others' top matches—not only that, but a match of 99%, the highest in the school—they begin to remember why they were such close friends, all those years ago. As well as the myriad of reasons this new-yet-familiar, magnetic, sparkling thing between them will never, ever work out.

In the Orbit of You is a story about the enduring and changing nature of friendship, of the strange struggle between who you are and who you want to be, and finding your voice after trauma.

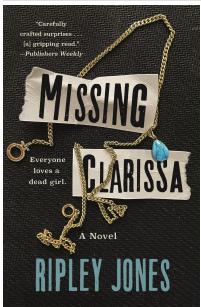
Contributor Bio

ASHLEY SCHUMACHER is the author of *Amelia Unabridged*, *Full Flight*, and *The Renaissance of Gwen Hathaway*, and has a degree in creative writing from the University of North Texas. When she's not reading or writing, she's either singing Disney songs, finding new and exciting ways to pester her family, or trying to find her inside voice, which has been sadly missing since birth. She lives in a small town north of Dallas with her husband, son, and more books than strictly necessary.

Quotes

"Ashley is the rare author I trust explicitly with my heart. She can make me cry, she can make me laugh, she can make me swoon straight to the floor. Within these pages, she's blessedly done all three and then some." - Erin Hahn, author of *Never Saw You Coming* and *You'd Be Mine* on *In the Orbit of You*

"Schumacher's gorgeous writing immerses readers in the aching emotions of close friendship and first love...A powerful, unforgettable story of loneliness and belonging." - Kirkus, Starred Review on Full Flight



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Missing Clarissa

A Novel

Ripley Jones

The paperback edition of the gripping novel perfect for fans of *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*, where two friends start a true crime podcast—with dangerous consequences.

Summary

In August of 1999, dazzlingly popular cheerleader Clarissa Campbell disappears from a party in the woods outside the rural town of Oreville, Washington and is never seen again. The police question her friends, teachers, and the adults who knew her—who all have something to hide. And thanks to Clarissa's beauty, the mystery captures the attention of the nation. But with no leads and no body, the case soon grows cold. Despite the efforts of internet sleuths and true-crime aficionados, Clarissa is never found—dead or alive.

Over twenty years later, Oreville high-school juniors and best friends Blair and Cameron start a true crime podcast, determined to unravel the story of what—or who—happened to this rural urban legend. In the process they uncover a nest of dirty small-town secrets, the sordid truth of Clarissa's relationship with her charismatic boyfriend, and a high school art teacher turned small-town figurehead who had a very good reason for wanting Clarissa dead. Such a good reason, in fact, that they might have to make him the highlight of their next episode...

But does an ugly history with a missing girl make him guilty of murder? Or are two teenage girls about to destroy the life of an innocent man—and help the true killer walk free?

Contributor Bio

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Quotes

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Never Ever Getting Back Together

Sophie Gonzales

Now in trade paperback, a girl enters a dating competition to get revenge on her royaladjacent ex-boyfriend, and ends up falling for another girl on the show.

Summary

It's been two years since Maya dumped her cheating ex-boyfriend Jordy, and she *still* can't escape him: his sister married the crown prince of a minor European country, and in the lead up to the wedding he captured hearts globally as the eligible younger brother. So, when Maya receives an invitation to be a contestant on *Second Chance Romance*, a new reality show in which the now-famous Jordy will re-date his ex-girlfriends in an effort to find "the one that got away"—she isn't interested...that is, until she realizes she can use this opportunity to exact her revenge. If she can make it to the finale, she can reject Jordy and publicly break his heart. As far as Maya's concerned, it's payback with interest: just what a guy like Jordy deserves.

But when she gets to the set, she's confronted with the one person she hasn't accounted for: Skye, the beautiful, charismatic girl Jordy cheated on Maya with. How is she supposed to live with this girl for six weeks? Sharing bunkbeds, for crying out loud?

Except, of course, there's more to Skye than she lets most people see. Skye has her own reasons for being careful with her heart, and might be more willing to take Maya's side than it initially seems. If they can sustain their reluctant alliance—and keep their unexpected chemistry from interfering—they might just have a chance to take Jordy down.

Contributor Bio

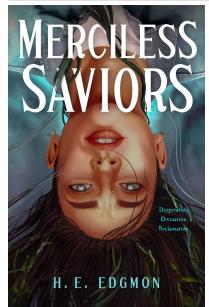
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Quotes

"Wickedly funny [and] searingly sexy... Gonzales has written an incisive reflection on the thin line between love and hate. Don't let this one get away." —Kelly Quindlen, author of *She Drives Me Crazy*

"A fun, fast-paced enemies-to-lovers romcom, full of banter and heart... queer love and teen girls you can't help but cheer for. This book gets my final rose and all the ones before it." —Jenn Dugan, author of *Some Girls Do*

"As binge-worthy as your favorite Netflix series...a bitingly funny, warm, and wonderful knock-out of a romcom." —Julia Lynn Rubin, author of *Trouble Girls*



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Merciless Saviors

A Novel

H.E. Edgmon

The second book in a YA contemporary fantasy duology in which a teen, Gem, finds out they're a reincarnated god from another world.

Summary

That day at the First Church of Gracie changed everything for Gem Echols, and not just because Marian and Poppy betrayed them. Forced to use the Ouroboros knife on Zephyr, who had kidnapped their parents, Gem now has the power of the God of Air.

While for any other god things might work out okay, the Magician—whose role within the pantheon is to keep the balance—having the power of another god has thrown everything into chaos. The Goddess of Death can now reanimate corpses; the God of Art's powers are now corrupted and twisted, giving life to his macabre creations; and, while the God of Land has always been able to communicate with creatures of the Earth, now everyone can hear their cries.

As Gem, Rory, and Enzo search for a way to restore the balance without sacrificing themselves, new horrors make them question how far they're willing to go. In the end, Gem may be forced to fully embrace their merciless nature and kill off their own humanity—if it ever really existed in the first place.

Contributor Bio

H.E. EDGMON is an author of queer speculative fiction across genres. Once a stray dog in the rural south, he now makes his home in the Pacific Northwest with a family of his own design. Haunted and hopeful, his work aims to offer levity without flinching from hard truths. In his writing and his daily life, H.E. will always prioritize the pursuit of an Indigenous future, the safety of our most vulnerable, and making a terrible joke whenever possible.

Quotes

Praise for Godly Heathens

"...[A] reminder to messy, angry kids that they can find their power no matter what they must do to survive." — Andrew Joseph White, *New York Times* bestselling author

"This is the kind of book that changes young lives...where readers will fall in love with every character who is messy and sexy and terrible in their own way." —Rebecca Roanhorse, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Black Sun*

"A country-fried horror extravaganza you cannot miss!" —Adam Sass, award-winning author of *Surrender Your Sons* and *The 99 Boyfriends of Micah Summers*



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Canto Contigo

A Novel

Jonny Garza Villa

When a Mariachi star transfers schools, he expects to be handed his new group's lead vocalist spot—what he gets instead is a tenacious current lead with a very familiar, very kissable face.

Summary

In a twenty-four-hour span, Rafael Alvarez led North Amistad High School's Mariachi Alma de la Frontera to their eleventh consecutive first-place win in the Mariachi Extravaganza de Nacional; and met, made out with, and almost hooked up with one of the cutest guys he's ever met.

Now eight months later, Rafie's ready for one final win. What he didn't plan for is his family moving to San Antonio before his senior year, forcing him to leave behind his group while dealing with the loss of the most important person in his life—his beloved abuelo. Another hitch in his plan: The Selena Quintanilla-Perez Academy's Mariachi Todos Colores already has a lead vocalist, Rey Chavez—the boy Rafie made out with—who now stands between him winning and being the great Mariachi Rafie's abuelo always believed him to be. Despite their newfound rivalry for center stage, Rafie can't squash his feelings for Rey. Now he must decide between the people he's known his entire life or the one just starting to get to know the real him.

Canto Contigo is a love letter to Mexican culture, family and legacy, the people who shape us, and allowing ourselves to forge our own path. At its heart, this is one of the most glorious rivals-to-lovers romance about finding the one who challenges you in the most extraordinary ways.

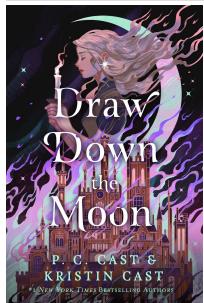
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Quotes

"With song and snark, Jonny Garza Villa has captured my heart yet again! Never have I rooted for two rivals more than with Rafie and Rey. This exploration of family, mariachi, and the difference between reputation versus expectation will stay with me for a long time." - Jason June, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Out of the Blue*

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Draw Down the Moon

P. C. Cast, Kristin Cast

New York Times bestsellers P.C. Cast and Kristin Cast return with a new duology set in a dark and magickal world filled with incredible danger and irresistible romance.

Summary

Wren Nightingale isn't supposed to have any powers. Born of magickal parents but not under a moon sign, she was destined for life as a Mundane--right up until she starts glowing on her eighteenth birthday. In a heartbeat, Wren's life is turned upside down, and she's suddenly leaving her home for the mystical Academia de la Luna--a secret magickal school on a hidden island off the Seattle coast.

Lee Young has always known about his future at the Academia. He has one goal: pass the trials, impress the Moon Council, and uphold his family's reputation. But he wasn't expecting to be attending alongside the girl he's been secretly in love with for as long as he can remember.

As Wren and Lee are thrown into the Academia's grueling trials, they quickly learn there's something different--and dangerous--about the school this year. Wren will have to navigate a web of secrets, prophecies--and murder. And Lee will have to decide who to protect--his family's legacy, or the girl he loves.

Contributor Bio

#1 NYT & #1 USA Today bestselling author P.C. CAST was born in the Midwest. Ms. Cast is an experienced teacher who lives in Oregon near her fabulous daughter, her adorable pack of dogs, her crazy Maine Coon, and a bunch of horses.

KRISTIN CAST is a #1 *NYT* and #1 *USA Today* bestselling author. She is neurodivergent, has explored everything from tattoo modeling to broadcast journalism, and currently resides in the PNW.

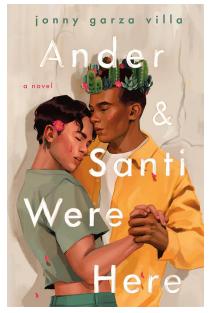
Quotes

"The mother-and-daughter authors (the House of Night series) have successfully created a fast-paced series opener." —*Publisher's Weekly*

"This sci-fi romance offers a diverse cast and an action-packed plot; a great choice for both new adult and young adult readers. An engaging read." —*School Library Journal*

"[This] writing team has a built-in audience from their phenomenally popular House of Night books; a must-buy for genre fans." —*Booklist*

"I would recommend this to fans of science fiction, stormy weather, elements, superheroes, and unique plots." —*Young Adult Book Central*



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Ander & Santi Were Here

Jonny Garza Villa

Aristotle and Dante meets The Sun is Also a Star in this YA contemporary love story about a nonbinary Mexican American teen falling for the shy new waiter at their family's taqueria.

Summary

Finding home. Falling in love. Fighting to belong.

The Santos Vista neighborhood of San Antonio, Texas, is all Ander Lopez has ever known. The smell of pan dulce. The mixture of Spanish and English filling the streets. And, especially their job at their family's taquería. It's the place that has inspired Ander as a muralist, and, as they get ready to leave for art school, it's all of these things that give them hesitancy. That give them the thought, are they ready to leave it all behind?

To keep Ander from becoming complacent during their gap year, their family "fires" them so they can transition from restaurant life to focusing on their murals and prepare for college. That is, until they meet Santiago Garcia, the hot new waiter. Falling for each other becomes as natural as breathing. Through Santi's eyes, Ander starts to understand who they are and want to be as an artist, and Ander becomes Santi's first steps toward making Santos Vista and the United States feel like home.

Until ICE agents come for Santi, and Ander realizes how fragile that sense of home is. How love can only hold on so long when the whole world is against them. And when, eventually, the world starts to win.

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Quotes

"...[G]arza Villa has done a superb job of verisimilitude, taking his readers into the precarious life and circumstances of an undocumented teen...the love between the two teens is beautifully realized..." —*Booklist*, Starred Review

"Jonny Garza Villa's fiercely vulnerable writing leaves a permanent mark." —Becky Albertalli, award-winning author of *Simon vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda*

"This book will fill you with warmth while breaking you to pieces...the tears you shed will be completely worth it." —Dustin Thao, bestselling author of *You've Reached Sam*

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I'm the Girl

Courtney Summers

Now available in paperback with an exclusive short story epilogue to Courtney Summers's breakout thriller, *Sadie*.

Summary

A 2023 ITW Thriller Award Finalist, named a Best Book of the Year by *BuzzFeed*, *CrimeReads*, *Indigo*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *School Library Journal* and *Shelf Awareness*.

THIS WORLD WAS MADE BY MEN.

Hidden in the mountains, beyond the poverty and hardship that defines sixteenyear-old Georgia Avis's life, lies Aspera, an exclusive members only-resort catering to the nation's wealthy elite. Aspera makes beautiful promises to beautiful girls willing to serve and keep its secrets, and Georgia's dream comes true when she's offered the chance to be one of them. But behind every dream lurks a nightmare and the grisly discovery of murdered thirteen-year-old Ashley James points to a killer amongst Aspera's powerful membership. When Ashley's older sister and Georgia's long-time crush, Nora, enlists Georgia's help proving it, Georgia will discover when power, money, and beauty rule, it's not always a matter of who is guilty--but who is guiltiest. As the killer closes in, Georgia must reconcile her heart's desires with what it really takes to survive.

A subversive, "brutally captivating" (*Publishers Weekly*, starred review) and "devastatingly realistic" (*Kirkus*, starred review) coming-of-age thriller perfect for fans of *My Dark Vanessa* and *Firekeeper's Daughter*.

Contributor Bio

COURTNEY SUMMERS is an "uncompromising writer" (*Quill and Quire*) "known for pushing boundaries" (*Shelf Awareness*) with a body of work that's "not for the faint of heart" (The *New York Times*). Her critically acclaimed books have earned over 20 starred reviews, received numerous awards and honors—including the Edgar and ITW Thriller Awards—and enjoy recognition on many 'Best of' and Readers' Choice lists. http://courtneysummers.ca

Quotes

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- Angeline Boulley, bestselling author of Firekeeper's Daughter

"This is a gutsy novel."

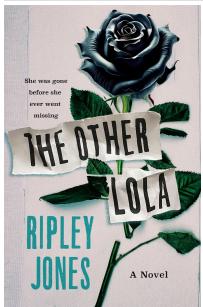
- Kate Elizabeth Russell, bestselling author of My Dark Vanessa

"Unflinching. Electric. Thought-provoking." - Ashley Audrain, bestselling author of *The Push*

"Unforgettable . . . A perfect read for angry women."

- Literary Hub

⁻ The New York Times



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The Other Lola

A Novel

Ripley Jones

The sequel to Ripley Jones's unforgettable YA thriller *Missing Clarissa, The Other Lola* is about what happens when the people you love the most are the people you can trust the least

Summary

In the months after Cam and Blair broke their small hometown's legendary missing-girl story and catapulted to accidental fame, they vowed never to do it again. No more mysteries, no more podcasts, and no more sticking their heads where they don't belong.

Until Mattie Brosillard, a freshman at their high school, shows up on their doorstep, begging Cam and Blair for help. Mattie's sister Lola disappeared mysteriously five years ago. No trace of her was ever found. Now, she's back--but Mattie is convinced the girl who returned is an impostor. Nobody believes Mattie's wild story--not Mattie's brother, not Mattie's mother, and not even Cam and Blair. But something is definitely wrong in the Brosillard family. And Blair has her own reasons for wanting to know what really happened to Lola while she was gone.

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